

## IDEAL WEATHER GIVES PROMISE OF RECORD VOTE

PUPILS SAVED  
FROM PANIC  
BY FIRE DRILL

Three Hundred Pupils March  
Calmly From Burning  
Smallwood School.

BUILDING CLEARED  
IN THREE MINUTES

Orderly and Safe Exit Proves Im-  
portance of Regular Practice,  
Says Principal.

Marching with the precision and  
calm of trained soldiers and exercis-  
ing remarkable self-control, 300  
children of the Smallwood School  
made an orderly and safe exit from  
that building within three minutes  
after fire was discovered there to-  
day.

Although every pupil knew that  
fire had been discovered on the sec-  
ond floor they left the building un-  
concerned. No better discipline or  
order ever has been maintained at  
one of the regular fire drills—when  
only a make-believe fire is encoun-  
tered—and Prof. C. A. Thompson,  
principal of the school, said this af-  
ternoon that the performance proved  
the efficacy of the fire drill system  
in the public schools.

## Smoke Gave Warning.

Shortly after 5 o'clock smoke was  
seen creeping through the crevices of  
the fifth grade room. Miss M. E. Gar-  
rett, a teacher, immediately telephoned  
the principal of the school. Hurried in-  
vestigation showed that the building  
was on fire and that the smoke did not  
come from the furnace, as had been  
hoped.

The children in the Smallwood  
school, in I street, between Third  
and Fourth and a half streets south-  
west, have been taught to move  
methodically and according to grades  
when the alarm is sounded. The first  
signal is the signal for those on the  
first floor to make an exit from the  
building; two gongs sound the signal  
for those on the second floor, and three gongs  
for those on the third.

When a blaze was discovered in  
the clock room on the second floor  
today, the pupils adjacent to the fire  
did not lose their heads. Their eyes  
and ears took in the situation; they  
waited for the signal.

## Youngsters Go First.

One gong! The youngsters on the  
first floor arose and began a systematic  
march toward the doorway. The fire  
was above, but the boys and girls on  
that floor had been taught to wait for  
two bells and they had faith in the fire  
drill, even if the smoke was beginning  
to fill the room.

As the first gong sounded the second  
floor pupils jumped to their feet, stood  
at attention and waited.

Two gongs! The pupils on the third  
floor began their semi-circular march  
about the big room, headed for the stair-  
way, walked in perfect step down the  
staircase and out into the street.

The pupils on the floor above  
staged a similar level-headed per-  
formance and within less than five min-  
utes the school had been emptied of its  
three hundred pupils.

As the pupils marched out into the  
open air and greeted the fresh air about  
the building, No. 11 Engine Company  
responded to the fire-alarm. Previous to  
the arrival of the fire-fighters, how-  
ever, the blaze had been extinguished  
with apparatus kept at the school. The  
damage to the clock room and con-  
tents was nominal.

## Behaved Admirably.

"The children acted admirably," said  
Principal Thompson today. "We have  
been preparing for just such an emer-  
gency for eighteen years, and the pupils  
behaved bravely when there came the  
test of a genuine fire drill. There was  
no excitement or confusion, whatever,  
and the building was emptied in a re-  
markably short time."

By a strange coincidence, when the  
Smallwood fire occurred, Superintendent  
Davidson was signing an order to ob-  
serve "fire prevention day" in all the  
public schools on November 15.

Dr. Davidson was blotting his signa-  
ture to the circular orders at the very  
moment the children were leaving the  
Smallwood School. The superintendent  
learned of the practical operation of the  
fire drill a few minutes later.

"Each superintendent," says the  
superintendent's order, "is authorized  
to make such arrangements as he may  
deem proper for the observance of the  
day. For your guidance I am inclosing  
with this a copy of some references in  
the Public Library which may prove of  
value to you and your teachers in work-  
ing up material for the program."

Dr. Davidson's circular expresses his  
appreciation of the fact that so many  
teachers took occasion to visit the  
library exhibit at the Public Library the  
last week in October.

"For the benefit of those who failed  
to see the exhibit I, perhaps, ought to  
state that the exhibit closed Sat-  
urday evening, November 2. I make  
this announcement because a few  
inquiries are still coming to the office  
as to whether the exhibit is still open."

KILL CHRISTIANS  
PLAN OF TURKS,  
GERMANS HEAR

Sultan Asks Powers to Pre-  
vent Massacre in Con-  
stantinople.

WARSHIPS HASTEN  
TO SCENE OF PERIL

Hope to Save Foreigners From  
Death If Uprising Is  
Started.

BERLIN, Nov. 5.—The Turkish  
government intimated to the German  
foreign office today that if the Bul-  
garians enter Constantinople it will  
be impossible to prevent an anti-  
Christian uprising, it was stated on  
semi-official authority here. The  
Sultan, therefore, renewed his ap-  
peal to the Kaiser to use his influ-  
ence with the Balkan allies to agree  
to an armistice.

Germany is the one power which  
has not frowned on Turkey's efforts  
to make a cessation in hostilities  
precede an offer of concessions to the  
allies. The Fatherland alone can  
accomplish nothing, however, so  
there was no prospect that the latest  
appeal from Constantinople will have  
any better result than the earlier one.

## Powers Send Warships.

The Sultan's virtual admission that  
he cannot control his enraged Mo-  
hammedan subjects was considered  
extremely ominous. The powers were  
all rushing warships to Turkish wa-  
ters today to protect foreigners, but  
there are many who surely will be  
unable to reach the ports where the  
fighting craft will anchor.

As one of the largest cities in  
Europe, the gravest concern is  
expressed of preventing the Mo-  
hammedans there may insure their safety  
by going on board the warships, but  
it will be impossible so to protect the  
entire Christian population, which runs  
into the hundreds of thousands.

## Diplomats Under Guard.

The embassies and consulates were all  
under heavy guard today. It was  
stated in dispatches from the Tur-  
kish capital, as were the larger for-  
eign business establishments. Most  
shops have been closed and barricaded  
in anticipation of an outbreak.

The Christians were in momentary  
expectation of hearing the Mo-  
hammedan mob crying for their extermination.  
Hordes of thousands have made several  
attempts to get from the native  
quarter, Stamboul, into the foreign  
quarters, Galata, and Pera, but the  
police have felled all of them by  
throwing open the draw in the  
bridge across the Golden Horn, which  
separates the native and foreign dis-  
tricts. Foreigners have been warned to  
keep out of Stamboul, and even of the  
localities in Galata and Pera where  
Mohammedans predominate.

## May Restore Old Sultan.

Among orthodox Mohammedans it  
was said a strong sentiment was de-  
veloping in favor of the restoration of  
former Sultan Abdul Hamid, to whose  
deposition the masses attribute Tur-  
key's present misfortunes. Flattering  
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ATTEMPT TO POISON  
CHILDREN ALLEGED

Colored Man Is Accused of Fut-  
ting Embalming Fluid  
in Their Tea.

Accused of attempting to poison his  
three step-children with embalming  
fluid, William Mosley, colored, thirty-  
six years old, of N. Massachusetts ave-  
nue northeast, was arrested today by  
Detectives Cornwell and Bauer on a  
charge of assault.

According to the police, Mosley, who  
at different times has been employed  
in undertaking establishments in H  
street northeast, had some trouble with  
his step-children, Florence, Edna and  
Andrew, last Thursday night. The  
following morning the children  
went to drink some tea from a pot on  
the stove. Andrew, who is nine years  
old, took a sip of the liquid and it  
burned his mouth so that he did not  
swallow it.

The following day the detectives were  
advised of the matter and the pot of  
supposed tea was turned over to the  
police. The children told the police  
that the night they had the trouble  
with their stepfather, he threatened to  
"get them." Mosley emphatically denies  
the charge against him, saying he had  
no knowledge as to how the poison got  
in the teapot.

MERGER MAY BE  
PUT UP TO THE  
FEDERAL POWER

Hibbs Favors Requesting the  
Attorney General to Pass  
Upon Scheme.

DECLARES HIS FAITH  
IN PLAN'S LEGALITY

Department of Justice Will Co-  
operate With Commissioners in  
Move to Block Consolidation.

The Attorney General of the  
United States will be fully acquaint-  
ed with the plans of those who are  
organizing the Washington Utilities  
Company, if the suggestion which  
William B. Hibbs, the financial  
genius of the organization, will  
make to his associates tomorrow is  
adopted.

Mr. Hibbs is in favor of laying the  
plans for financing the Washington  
and nearby public utilities fully be-  
fore the Attorney General, he said  
today, and submitting to that au-  
thority whether there is anything  
proposed which is against the law.

## Action Is Not Certain.

It is not certain that this will be done,  
however, for the directors of the Mary-  
land-Virginia Railroad Company, the  
Washington Railway and Electric Com-  
pany and other concerns interested may  
not take Mr. Hibbs' view of the matter.  
Those in authority who must pass upon  
this suggestion are away from Wash-  
ington today, casting their votes, and  
will not return until tomorrow.

"I am in favor of giving the Attorney  
General any information we have con-  
cerning the formation of the Washing-  
ton Utilities Company, and the plans for  
the new company," Mr. Hibbs said to-  
day, "and I shall suggest to the other  
members interested that this be done. I am  
so thoroughly convinced that there is  
nothing proposed which will work to  
the harm of any one, but, on the con-  
trary, that what we propose will have  
a beneficial effect all around, that I can  
see no reason why the government au-  
thorities should not be enlightened."

There has been found no ground  
upon which to proceed against us, and,  
I believe, no ground can be found.

## Will Ratify Action.

The meeting of the stockholders of the  
Maryland-Virginia Railroad Co. will be  
held tomorrow in Alexandria to pass  
upon the proposition of the directors that  
the company be changed so as to have  
an authorized capitalization of \$250,000,  
of which \$50,000 is to be stock  
and \$200,000 bonds, and that its name  
be changed to the Washington Utilities  
Company. The meeting is almost purely  
a legal requirement to sanction the  
already settled policy as outlined by the  
directors.

The change will be followed by the  
taking over of the Washington-Virginia  
Railroad Company. This done, the way  
will be clear to take over the two  
lighting companies whose absorption  
was refused to the Maryland-Virginia  
Railroad Company by the Virginia State  
Corporation Commission.

The next step will be, it is understood,  
to exchange securities with the Wash-  
ington Railway and Electric Company  
and with any other Washington utility  
company which desire to avail them-  
selves of the new financial facilities  
provided. It is to prevent this that  
ways and means are being considered  
by the District Commissioners.

## Co-operation Is Offered.

With present information at hand the  
Department of Justice, it is understood,  
will co-operate with the Commissioners,  
at least to the extent of offering advice,  
in the suit to be filed by the Corpora-  
tion Counsel to prevent the execution  
of the plans of the utilities company.  
The situation was discussed in detail  
at a conference yesterday afternoon  
between the Commissioners, Jesse E.  
Adkins, attorney for the Department  
of Justice; E. H. Thomas, Corporation  
Counsel; and Clarence F. Wilson, Unit-  
ed States District Attorney. It being  
the intention of the Commissioners not  
to unmask their batteries until the  
proper time, no statement regarding  
the results of the conference was given  
today.

Careful consideration it was said by  
Commissioner Adkins, will be given to  
the legal aspects of the case. Mean-  
time, Mr. Thomas will continue with  
the preparation of a bill to be filed in the  
District Supreme Court.

The purpose of the Commissioners is  
to delay action until the reassembling  
of Congress, when efforts will be made  
to secure the passage of the District  
public utilities bill, which passed the  
Senate at the last session, but was left  
on the House calendar.

## Aviator Killed.

VIENNA, Nov. 5.—An Austrian mili-  
tary aviator fell with his aeroplane at  
Gierz today and was killed.

SOCIETY LEADER  
HERE ENDS HER  
LIFE IN ROME

Wife of Lieut. Com. Carlo  
Pfister Commits  
Suicide.

DISCOURAGED OVER  
VERY POOR HEALTH

American Popular When Husband  
Was Attache at Italian Em-  
bassy in Capital.

ROME, Nov. 5.—Gradually losing  
ground in a hopeless fight against  
consumption, the wife of Lieut. Com-  
mander Carlo Pfister, of the Italian  
navy and former naval attache at  
the Italian embassy in Washington,  
committed suicide here today. Mrs.  
Pfister was formerly Miss Hester  
Laughlin, of a wealthy St. Louis  
family.

The wife of the Italian officer be-  
came despondent several months ago  
and her melancholia increased as the  
prospects for her recovery dimmed.  
She fought desperately against the  
disease for a while.

## Skilled Specialists Called.

Skilled specialists were called into  
consultation, the socially prominent pa-  
tient remained much in the open air  
of the Italian capital, and it was hoped  
that her will power would tend toward  
combating the white plague.

A few weeks ago the case of Mrs.  
Pfister was pronounced hopeless, and  
when she realized that the end was near  
the despondency of the wife of the  
Italian naval officer became pathetic  
in the extreme.

The suicide of Mrs. Pfister, however,  
came without warning, and has shocked  
the social circles of this city, where  
she was immensely popular.

The young husband, who was trans-  
ferred from Washington to the com-  
mand of a ship in the Italian navy, is  
heart-broken, and is so upset over the  
loss of his wife's self-destruction that  
no funeral plans have been announced,  
nor are the full details of the suicide  
available at this hour.

Society Here Grieved.  
Washington society was grieved today  
to hear of the unfortunate death of  
Mrs. Carlo Pfister, at one time one of  
the most popular members of the young-  
er set in Washington. Mrs. Pfister  
was married to the dashing young Ital-  
ian naval officer December 21, 1906. She  
was the daughter of the late Henry D.  
Laughlin, of St. Louis, one of the  
wealthiest men of the Midwest city.

Lieutenant Commander Pfister acted  
as naval attache of the Italian embassy  
from 1906 to the latter part of 1908, when  
he and his young wife went to one of  
the European capitals. He was suc-  
ceeded here by Lieut. Filippo Camperio,  
who also married in this country, taking  
as his bride Miss Eleanor Perry. After  
residing in Washington for a year,  
Lieutenant Camperio returned to Italy,  
and Lieutenant Commander Pfister was  
again sent to Washington by his gov-  
ernment—a rather unusual distinction.

He returned to Rome in the spring of  
1911, and since that time he and his  
young wife have been stationed there,  
the lieutenant commander being as-  
signed to the command of one of his  
majesty's warships.

## Lived at Brighton.

During their last residence in Wash-  
ington, Lieutenant Commander and  
Mrs. Pfister lived at the Brighton apart-  
ments, where they entertained exten-  
sively. They were conspicuous in social  
circles and their departure caused  
genuine regret.

Only a few of Mrs. Pfister's most in-  
timate friends here were acquainted  
with the fact that she was in failing  
health. As Washington knew her she  
was a comely, attractive young matron,  
apparently in perfect health. The shock  
of her suicide, therefore, was all the  
more general today when the Rome dis-  
patcher carried the tragic story of her  
unavoidable fight against a disease which  
fastened its hold upon her some time  
ago.

## WEATHER REPORT.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.  
Fair and warmer tonight; Wednesday  
increasing cloudiness.

TEMPERATURE.  
U. S. BUREAU. A. FLECK'S.  
9 a. m. 41 9 a. m. 45  
10 a. m. 48 10 a. m. 48  
11 a. m. 52 11 a. m. 51  
12 noon 54 12 noon 55  
1 p. m. 56 1 p. m. 56  
2 p. m. 51 2 p. m. 52

TIDE TABLE.  
Today—High tide, 4:30 a. m. and 4:57  
p. m.; low tide, 11:05 a. m. and 11:40  
p. m.

Tomorrow—High tide, 5:30 a. m. and  
5:50 p. m.; low tide, 11:57 a. m. and  
12:30 p. m.

SUN TABLE.  
Sun rises 7:31 Sun sets 4:56

## Former Capital Leader Ends Life



MRS. CARLOS PFISTER.

GENERAL ALARM IS  
OUT FOR MAN GONE  
SINCE LAST FRIDAY

Government Clerk Strangely  
Missing, and His Wife  
Fears Foul Play.

The police this afternoon sent out a  
general alarm for Stewart F. Richards,  
clerk in the War Department, forty-  
five years old, who has been strangely  
missing since Friday morning. Mrs.  
Richards, the missing man's wife, told  
the police that she does not believe her  
husband has gone away voluntarily, but  
that she fears he has met with foul  
play or an accident.

The couple lived at Mr. Rainier, Md.,  
and Mrs. Richards and her several chil-  
dren, the oldest of whom is sixteen, are  
without means to provide for them-  
selves, according to her story to the  
police.

Richards left the War Department  
about 10 o'clock Friday morning and  
has not been seen since.

CHILD KILLED, SIX  
HURT IN ACCIDENT

Skidding Motor Hits Fence in  
Maryland, Occupants Thrown  
Into Field.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Nov. 5.—The  
two-year-old child of Manager Fried,  
of the coal company store at Sunshine,  
near Meyerdale, was instantly killed  
near Mannesville, about dusk last  
night, and six were injured when a  
skidding automobile ran into a fence  
at a sharp turn tearing away thirty-  
six feet of rails.

The injured are Mr. Fried, his wife,  
whose arm is broken; John Burkholder,  
still unconscious; his wife, whose  
shoulder is dislocated and face fright-  
fully lacerated; their child, thrown  
twenty feet into a field, and William  
Trant, chauffeur. Mrs. Burkholder will  
be scarred for life.

Doctor's Bill for \$27,476  
Sustained by Court

In an opinion handed down late yester-  
day, the District Court of Appeals  
affirms the verdict for \$27,476 awarded  
Dr. Joseph J. Kaveney in his suit  
against the American Security and  
Trust Company, an executor of the es-  
tate of John B. Herrick.

The testimony given by Dr. Kaveney  
in the lower court was that he prac-  
tically spent the last year of Mr. Her-  
rick's life at his home.

ROUND HOUSE FIRE  
AT RIDGELY DOES  
\$200,000 DAMAGE

Five Engines and Machinery  
of Western Maryland Road  
Destroyed by Flames.

CUMBERLAND, Nov. 5.—The loss  
of the Western Maryland railway by  
the destruction of the nineteen stall  
round house with five engines and  
machinery at Ridgely, opposite Cum-  
berland early today will reach  
\$200,000.

Of the engines, three were of the  
new 700 mountain climbing class.  
The turn table and approaches were  
wrecked and valuable machinery  
made useless. The loss on machinery  
will be \$75,000 alone. The fire origi-  
nated in the roof and spread so rap-  
idly that the night force could do  
nothing toward getting the engines out.

There was no fire equipment at the  
plant.

NASHVILLERESERVOIR  
SWEEPS OVER FLATS

Walls Break and Ruin Homes,  
But No Loss of Life Is  
Reported.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 5.—The east  
basin of the Nashville city reservoir  
gave away early today and a deluge  
rushed through a 150-foot opening, inun-  
dating the flats about the reservoir hill.  
Several small dwellings were washed  
from their foundations, causing fam-  
ilies to seek safety on roofs and in  
trees. No loss of life is reported.

Promotions Made in  
High School Regiment

The appointment of F. T. Campbell, a  
Business High School student, to be  
first lieutenant and adjutant of the  
Second Battalion of the High School  
Regiment, was announced today by As-  
sistant Superintendent of Schools Thurston,  
following the approval of the mili-  
tary affairs committee of the Board  
of Education. N. W. Barrett, also of  
Business High, is promoted from first  
sergeant of Company G to take the  
place made vacant by Campbell's pro-  
motion.

The two Commissioners make the staff  
of the High School Regiment complete.

ADDS ADDITIONAL  
MILLION OR SO  
BALLOTS

Returns From the West Will  
Probably Delay  
Count.

MAY KNOW RESULT  
ABOUT MIDNIGHT

States in East Will Probably  
Give Good Idea of  
Outcome.

## By JUDSON C. WELLIVER.

Ideal election weather is reported  
from all over the country. That  
means a good deal—ordinarily. In  
the olden days, before things got  
mussed up and wires crossed among  
the parties, you could tell that a  
wet election day in New York was a  
Democratic occasion, because the  
bulk of the Democratic vote was in  
the cities, and a man had only to  
walk around the corner to deposit  
his ballot, taking no chance of get-  
ting his feet wet and "catching his  
death of cold."

Quite to the contrary, a wet elec-  
tion day, if it wasn't too wet, was a  
Republican occasion in Iowa, be-  
cause the farmers couldn't stay in  
the field for corn huskin' and fall  
plowin', and therefore, wanting  
something to do, hitched up the nag  
and went off to the Corners to vote  
and split tobacco juice on the stove  
at the store.

## When All Signs Fail.

But all signs fail in Bull Moose year.  
It's harder to make up your weather  
dope this time. If the Iowa farmers  
and the New York clerks all get to  
vote, who benefits? That'll be clearer  
about midnight tonight.

One thing, however, is worth mulling  
over in these last hours of suspense. A  
few days ago they were estimating that  
about 16,000,000 votes would be cast in  
the country. Since Sunday they have  
been adding a million for good measure,  
by reason of the sudden flaming up of  
keen interest in every section. Today,  
on the strength of the good weather  
reported from all parts—good weather  
being, on the whole, a sure indication  
of an increased total vote—it is likely  
enough safe to add another half-million  
to the previous estimates.

Those million and a half additional  
votes might do a good deal of execu-  
tion. Today's forecast of the managers  
generally assume that the vote will be  
the biggest ever cast in the country.  
Of course, it ought always to be that,  
because there is a natural increase of  
about 7 per cent in the voting strength  
of the nation in every quadrennium.  
But it doesn't always get out and vote.  
Returns tonight will be scrappy.

## Returns May Be Late.

It is promised that in New York they  
are going to count the Presidential bal-  
lot first—Presidential votes being cast  
there on a separate ballot from that  
on which the local electors are printed.  
If they do that throughout the State,  
it will facilitate returns from the Em-  
pire State.

The East commonly gets its returns  
in a long time ahead of the trans-Alle-  
ghenian section, partly because the  
East has from one to three hours' ad-  
vantage in time, partly because polls  
generally close earlier in the East than  
out West, and partly because the count-  
ing is done quicker in the East.

However, New York, Pennsylvania,  
Massachusetts, Ohio, and Illinois are  
commonly pretty good States for get-  
ting their returns in seasonably. Those  
States may settle the general result  
early. Or they may mix it up so hope-  
lessly that everybody will be glad to  
go to bed and dream of 1984, when no-  
body knew what had happened for a  
week or more.

## Bay State Votes Early.

BOSTON, Nov. 5.—With the best elec-  
tion day weather in years, an unusually  
large early vote, and a hot fight in this  
State, indications today pointed to a re-  
cord-breaking Presidential election in  
Massachusetts, with the new Bull Moose  
party as the deciding factor. Despite  
the claims of Republican and Bull  
Moose managers, Woodrow Wilson ruled  
a slight favorite.

If the Democratic candidate goes out  
on the day States with good a slight  
plurality it will be an epoch in the  
politics of this State, for in the last  
five Presidential elections it has been  
the same story—Republican plurality.  
This year, however, the Bull Moose  
party expects to cut into the old line  
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